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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the

application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A tabletted chewing gum sweet characterised in that

it comprises comprising at least two integral parts, a first integral part comprising a compressed

gum base and a tablet base material, and a second integral part comprising a compressed tablet

base material.

Claim 2 (currently amended):

A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim

1, further comprising at least one additional one or more further integral partparts which may be

made of one of (1) the same material as the first and second integral parts and (2) or of a

different material to the first and second integral parts.

Claim 3 (currently amended):

A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim

1, wherein the integral parts are arranged as two or more layers <u>arranged one of (1)</u> on top of one

another, or (2) side by side, or (3) with one integral part is inlaid in another integral part, or and

(4) with one integral part is completely enclosed within one or more other integral parts.

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Claim 4 (currently amended): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim

1, wherein when the integral parts are arranged as layers, in which the individual layers are one

of the same ander different thicknesses.

Claim 5 (currently amended):

A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim

1, wherein the first and second integral parts are formed as consisting of two layers, wherein

either layer is thicker than the other.

A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 5 wherein the Claim 6 (original):

ratio of thicknesses is from 0.1:1 to 10:1.

Claim 7 (currently amended):

A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim

5, wherein the first integral part of the tabletted chewing gum sweet according to the invention is

thicker than the second integral part in a ratio of from 1.5:1 to 10:1.

Claim 8 (currently amended):

A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim

1, wherein the tablet base material for both the first and second integral parts is based on one of a

sugar orand a polyol.

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Claim 9 (currently amended):

A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim

1, wherein the gum base is a one of a plasticised rubber ander polymer which has added

texturisers, anti-tacking agents and antioxidants.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim

1, wherein the tablet base for both the first and second integral parts is one of sucrose, fructose,

lactose, dextrose, sorbitol, mannitol, maltitol, xylitol, isomalt, glucose syrup, maltitol syrup

orand erithrithol.

Claim 11 (currently amended): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim

1, wherein the particle sizes of the gum base and the tablet base materials of both the first and

second integral parts range from 10 microns to 2 mm.

Claim 12 (currently amended):

A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim

1, wherein in the first integral part-of the tabletted chewing gum sweet, the gum base is present in

an amount of from 5% to 99%.

Claim 13 (currently amended):

A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim

1, wherein the weight ratio of the first and second integral parts is from 1.5:1 to 10:1.

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Claim 14 (currently amended): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim

1, further comprising at least one of containing a binder, a lubricant, a flavour or and a colour.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim

1, wherein the first and second integral parts have different colours-which provide contrasting

effects to give a very distinctive and attractive visual indication of two components.

Claim 16 (currently amended): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim

1, said gum sweet having which gives a textural contrast when broken in the mouth of an initial

crunchy and then a chewy sensation.

A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim Claim 17 (currently amended):

1, further comprising-containing an active ingredient.

Claim 18 (currently amended): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim

137 wherein the active ingredient is present in the second partlayer.

Claim 19 (original): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 18 wherein the

active ingredient is a pharmaceutical, medicated, nutritive or functional ingredient, a dental

vehicle or a breath freshener.

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Claim 20 (currently amended): A process for the preparation of a tabletted chewing

gum sweet according to the invention in a configuration of two layers, the process comprising

the following steps:

which comprises-forming a first integral part by mixing a particulated gum base material

with a particulated tablet base material;

forming a second integral part comprising a particulated tablet base material;

feeding one of the integral parts into a tablet press and compressing;

feeding the other integral part into the tablet press and compressing both integral parts in

the tablet press to enable the materials of each integral part to bind together and form a tabletted

chewing gum sweet having the two integral parts joined together; and

finally ejecting the tabletted chewing gum sweet.

Claim 21 (currently amended): A process according to claim 20 wherein the first

integral part is fed into the tablet press be forebefore the second integral part to give the tabletted

chewing gum sweet.

Claim 22 (original): A process according to claim 20 wherein one or more further

integral parts which are made of the same material as the first and second integral parts or of a

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different material to the first and second integral parts are fed into the tablet press and

compressed to form a product with three or more layers.

Claim 23 (currently amended): A process for the preparation of a tabletted chewing

gum sweet as claimed in claim 1 in a con-figuration of one of the integral partparts

inlaid in another of the integral partparts which comprises the following steps:

feeding one of the integral parts into a tablet press and compressing into a shape having

an indentation;

feeding the other integral part into the indentation and compressing both integral parts in

the tablet press to enable the materials of each integral part to bind together and form a tabletted

chewing gum sweet having the two integral parts joined together;, and

finally ejecting the tabletted chewing gum sweet.

Claim 24 (currently amended): A process according to claim 23, wherein a further

integral part is fed into the tablet press and compressed to cover and enclose the compressed

integral part in the indentation.

Claim 25 (new): A tabletted chewing gum sweet comprising at least two integral

parts of which a first integral part comprises a compressed mixture of particulated gum base

material and particulated tablet base material, and a second integral part comprises compressed

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particulated tablet base material, said at least two integral parts being arranged as layers on top of

one another.

A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 25, wherein the Claim 26 (new):

tablet base material used for the first integral part of the tabletted chewing gum sweet contains

one of a sugar and a polyol.

A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 26, wherein Claim 27 (new):

said one of a sugar and polyol is selected from the group consisting of sucrose, fructose, lactose,

dextrose, sorbitol, mannitol, maltitol, xylitol, isomalt, glucose syrup, maltitol syrup or erithrithol.

Claim 28 (new): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 25, wherein the

tablet base material used for said second integral part of the tabletted chewing gum sweet

contains one of a sugar and a polyol.

Claim 29 (new): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 28, wherein

said one of a sugar and polyol is selected from the group consisting of sucrose, fructose, lactose,

dextrose, sorbitol, mannitol, maltitol, xylitol, isomalt, glucose syrup, maltitol syrup or erithrithol.

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A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 25, wherein Claim 30 (new):

said first integral part of the tabletted chewing gum sweet the gum base is present in an amount

of from 5% to 99% by weight.

Claim 31 (new): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 25, wherein in

said first integral part of the tabletted chewing gum sweet the gum base is present in an amount

of from 30% to 99% by weight.

A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 25, wherein in Claim 32 (new):

said first integral part of the tabletted chewing gum sweet the gum base is present in an amount

of from 50% to 99% by weight.

A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 25, wherein the Claim 33 (new):

two integral parts are arranged as layers.

A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 33, wherein the Claim 34 (new):

individual layers are of the same thickness.

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Claim 35 (new): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 33, wherein one

of said layers is thicker than the other, the ratio of thicknesses of said layers being in the range

from 0.1:1 to 10:1.

A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 33, wherein the Claim 36 (new):

one layer has a colour different to the colour of the other layer.

Claim 37 (new):

A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 25, wherein

said first integral part has a colour different to the colour of said second integral part.

Claim 38 (new):

A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 25, wherein

said gum base material and said tablet base material are of particulate materials having particle

sizes in the range from 10 microns to 2 mm.

Claim 39 (new)

A tabletted chewing gum sweet having several layers, of which

layers at least one layer comprises compressed gum base material and at least another layer

comprises compressed tablet base material, said one layer having a colour different to the colour

of said another layer.

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Claim 40 (new): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 39, wherein

said several layers are arranged on top of one another.

Claim 41 (new): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 39, wherein the

individual layers are of the same thickness.

Claim 42 (new): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 39, wherein one

of said layers is thicker than the other, the ratio of thicknesses of said layers being in the range

from 0.1:1 to 10:1.

Claim 43 (new): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 39, wherein

said one layer further comprises a tablet base material.

Claim 44 (new): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 39, wherein in

said one layer the gum base is present in an amount of from 30% to 99% by weight.

Claim 45 (new): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 39, wherein

said gum base material and said tablet base material are of particulate materials having particle

sizes in the range from 10 microns to 2 mm.

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Claim 46 (new): A tabletted chewing gum sweet having several layers, of which

layers at least one layer comprises compressed particulated gum base material and at least

another layer comprises compressed particulated tablet base material, the particle sizes of said

particulated gum base material and of said particulated tablet base material being in the range

from 10 microns to 2 mm.

Claim 47 (new): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 46, wherein

said several layers are arranged on top of one another.

Claim 48 (new): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 46, wherein the

individual layers are of the same thickness.

Claim 49 (new): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 46, wherein one

of said layers is thicker than the other, the ratio of thicknesses of said layers being in the range

from 0.1:1 to 10:1.

Claim 50 (new):

A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 46, wherein

said one layer further comprises a tablet base material.

Claim 51 (new): A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 46, wherein in

said one layer the gum base is present in an amount of from 30% to 99% by weight.

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A tabletted chewing gum sweet according to claim 46, wherein Claim 52 (new):

said one layer has a colour different to the colour of said another layer.

Claim 53 (new): A chewing gum tablet having at least two layers of compressed

particulated materials arranged with the layers on top of one another, at least one of said layers

comprising gum base material, and at least another of said layers having a colour different to the

colour of said one of said layers.

A chewing gum tablet according to claim 53, wherein the particle Claim 54 (new):

sizes of said particulated materials are in the range from 10 microns to 2 mm.

Claim 55 (new): A chewing gum tablet according to claim 53, wherein the

individual layers are of the same thickness.

A chewing gum tablet according to claim 53, wherein one of said

layers is thicker than the other, the ratio of thicknesses of said layers being in the range from

0.1:1 to 10:1.

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Claim 55 (new): A chewing gum tablet according to claim 53, wherein in said one layer the gum base is present in an amount of from 5% to 99% by weight.

Claim 56 (new): A chewing gum tablet according to claim 53, wherein in said one layer the gum base is present in an amount of from 30% to 99% by weight.

Claim 57 (new): A chewing gum tablet according to claim 53, wherein in said one layer the gum base is present in an amount of from 50% to 99% by weight.

Claim 58 (new): A chewing gum tablet according to claim 53 and consisting of two layers.

Claim \$9 (new): A chewing gum tablet according to claim 53 and containing a pharmaceutical ingredient.

Claim 60 (new): A chewing gum tablet according to claim 53 and containing a medicated ingredient.

Claim 60 (new): A chewing gum tablet according to claim 53 and containing a nutritive ingredient.

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Claim 61 (new): A chewing gum tablet according to claim 53 and containing a

functional ingredient.

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Claim 62 (new): A chewing gum tablet according to claim 53 and containing a

dental vehicle.

Claim 63 (new): A chewing gum tablet according to claim 53 and containing a

breath freshener.

Claim 64 (new): A chewing gum tablet according to claim 53, wherein said one

layer further comprises a tablet base material containing one of a sugar and a polyol.

Claim 65 (new): A chewing gum tablet according to claim 64, wherein said one of a

sugar and polyol is selected from the group consisting of sucrose, fructose, lactose, dextrose,

sorbitol, mannitol, maltitol, xylitol, isomalt, glucose syrup, maltitol syrup or erithrithol.

Claim 66 (new): A chewing gum tablet according to claim 53, wherein said another

layer comprises a tablet base material containing one of a sugar and a polyol.

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70 Claim 61 (new): A chewing gum tablet according to claim 66, wherein said one of a sugar and polyol is selected from the group consisting of sucrose, fructose, lactose, dextrose, sorbitol, mannitol, maltitol, xylitol, isomalt, glucose syrup, maltitol syrup or erithrithol.